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1. Location:

The Central Airport, called "Uskudron" Airfield by PWs, is in Moscow south of Leningrad Chaussee. The testing station is in the northeastern corner of this field.

2. Designation:

The letters "Nidva" were seen at the entrance gate of the testing station. It's generally called the installation "Tuskairon Testing Station".

3. No details available on the history of the testing station; from the shape of the buildings it was inferred that the installation had been in existence for a long time.

4. Layout :

The installation covered about 200 x 150 meters. For details see Annex.

5. Work force:

About 120 Soviets, including 90 women. According to these women, the male employees of the testing station were members of the KVD. Working time was from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The running of engines at the test stand was heard at night also.

6. Observations made in building item 3 of Annex:

- a. The reports of automatic weapons were heard almost daily. From the sound of these reports source assumed that aircraft armament and ammunition was being tested. No noise of running engines was heard during the firing.

- b. Driving boards and desks with Soviet men and women working

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at them were seen in several rooms. Large photographs representing aircraft and aircraft parts as well as aerial photographs were also seen. No further details were available.

7. Test stand:

The noise of a running aircraft engine similar to that produced by a Soviet biplane was heard at the test stand day and night.

8. Shipments of material and equipment:

Only the shipping of old aircraft and motor vehicle parts was seen.

9. The testing station was guarded by civilian guards.

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Comment:

a. Report is rather sketchy. The designation "Iskadron" seems to be a form of "Aerodrom"; the same may be true of "Iidva", which perhaps should read "Iila", a designation that might indicate an institute for the interpretation of aerial photographs.

b. A comparison with another report \* suggests the possibility that the two reports may refer to one and the same object. The earlier report also states the engine test stands are in the north-eastern corner of the airfield but the added statement "opposite the Dynamo Stadium" indicates that they were actually in the south-eastern corner.

1 Annex: Air Force Testing Station at the Moscow Central Airport.

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Legend to Annex:

1 Board fence

2 Gates

3 Testing plant, building about 10 meters high with large windows and skylights

a. Twin-engine plane of unidentified type, apparently of German origin, in-line engines, glazed nose and glazed cockpit on fuselage

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- 4 Aircraft engine test stand; wooden stand 6x4 meters
- 5 Boiler house
- 6 Guardhouse
- 7 Four three-story office buildings
- 8 To Militia Barracks and 1 camp

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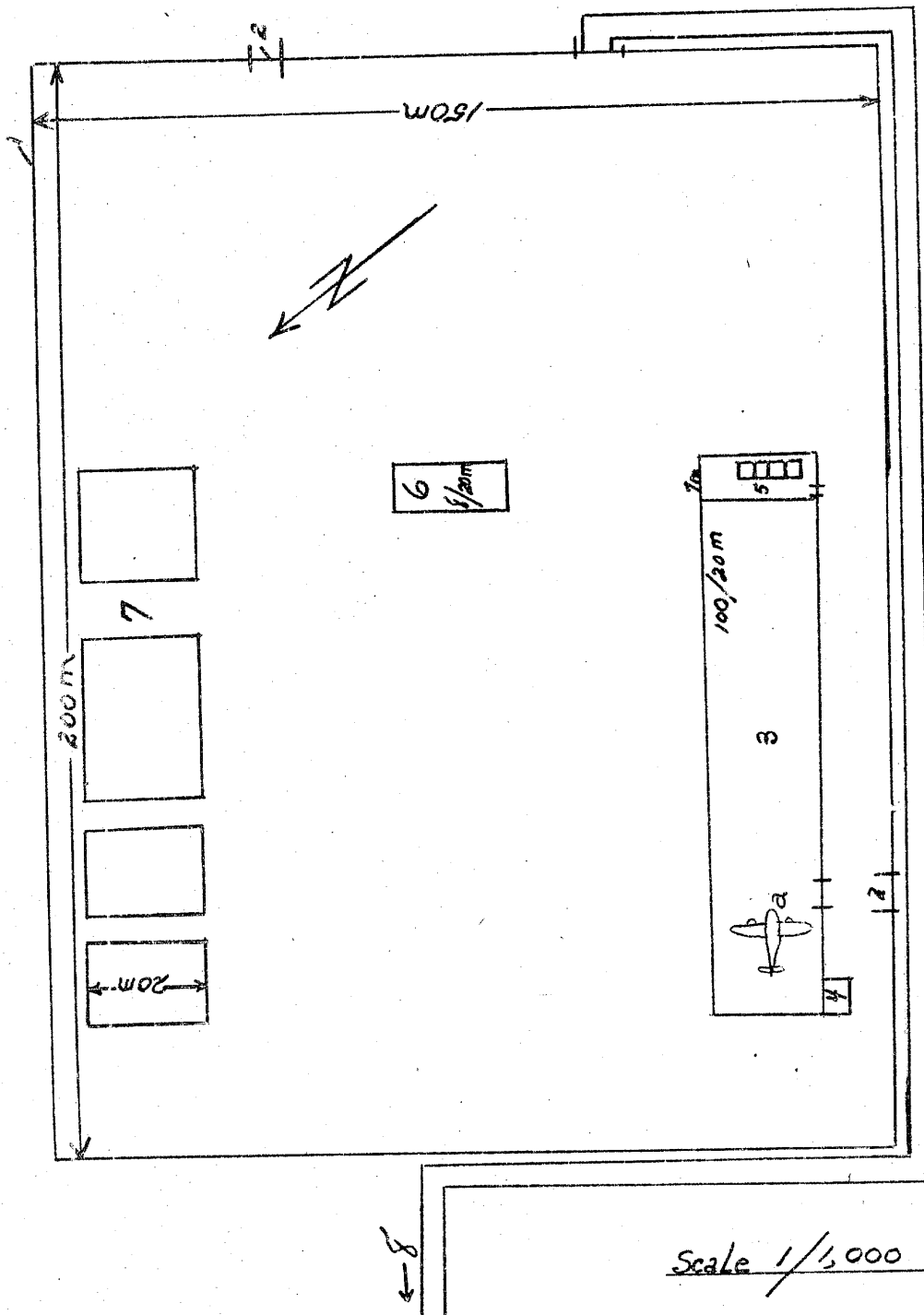
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